क्वालिटी बीजों का उत्पादन एवं उनका सुवितरण करने की जिम्मेदारी मुख्य रूप से राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र के प्रशासनों की है। राज्य सरकारें अपनी राज्य बीज निगम, कृषि विभागों, कृषि-उद्योग निगमों आदि के जरिए उत्पादन की व्यवस्था करती हैं तथा निजी बीज सप्लायरों के जरिए बीजों की सप्लाई को भी सुनिश्चित करती हैं। राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम और भारतीय राज्य फार्म निगम राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के प्रयासों को बढ़ाते हैं।

केन्द्र सरकार ने अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ उर्वरकों की कीमतों तथा क्वालिटी एवं किसानों के लिए इसकी बिक्री को नियमित करने के लिए उर्वरक (नियन्त्रण) आदेश, 1985 जारी किया है। अनिवार्य जिन्स अधिनियम, 1955 के तहत विभिन्न राज्यों को उर्वरकों की आपूर्ति प्रत्येक मौसम के लिए आंचलिक सम्मेलनों में किए जाने वाले मूल्यांकन के जरिए विनियमित की जाती है। इस आदेश के प्रवर्त्तन का अधिकार राज्य सरकारों के पास होता है। केन्द्र और राज्य सरकारों दोनों ने उर्वरकों से समय-समय पर रासायनिक विश्लेषण करने के प्रयोजन से गुणवत्ता का नियन्त्रण करने वाली कई प्रयोगशालाओं की स्थापना की है, ताकि किसानों को सही क्वालिटी के उर्वरकों की सप्लाई को सुनिश्चित किया जा सके।

(ख) भावी खरीफ, 1989 के लिए राजस्थान में उर्वरकों तथा बीजों की आवश्यकताओं का आकलन 17.2.1989 को हुए आंचलिक सम्मेलन में किया गया है तथा उर्वरकों एवं बीजों की सप्लाई का कार्य उर्वरक एककों और बीजों का उत्पादन करने वाली एजेन्सियों को सौंप दिया गया है। राजस्थान में इस मंत्रालय की कई विकास सम्बन्धी योजनाएं क्रियान्वित की जा रही हैं।

(ग) राजस्थान में कृषि आदान राजसहायता हेतु 9.14 करोड़ रुपए की अधिकतम व्यय सीमा, 1987 के सूखे के लिए सूखा-राहत हेतु दी गई सहायता के एक भाग के रूप में स्वीकृत की गई है, ताकि सूख से प्रभावित छोटे और सीमान्त किसान अगली फसल लेने में समर्थ हो सकें। इसके अतिरिक्त, राज्य सरकार को खरीफ और रबी मौसमों के लिए आदानों को खरीदने एवं उनके वितरण करने के लिए अल्पावधिक ऋण दिया गया है।

Cut in the Allotment of Monthly Quota of Refined Rapeseed Oil to West Bengal

1244. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the monthly allotment of refined rapeseed oil to the Government of West Bengal has been drastically cut as also crude oil to refineries of the Essential Commodities Supply Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether these cuts are likely to be restored soon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The monthly allocation of imported edible oils to all States / UTs including West Bengal has been considerably reduced in view of the easy availability and subdued prices of indigenous edible oils. The allocation of imported edible oils under the Public Distribution System is meant to supplement the availability of indigenous edible oils in the open market and not to meet the entire demand of the State / UTs. As the volume of import operations have been substantially reduced and considerable rapeseed oil is being received in refined form as aid, it is not possible to get oil refined by the West Bengal Essential Commodities Supplies Corporation at the same levels as was being done earlier. However, it is the policy of the Government to accord priority to the Central / State Undertakings in the matter of refining of crude oil and the allocation are being made accordingly.

(c) In the present situation of increased availability of indigenous oils and the consequent reduction in imports, it is not possible either to increase the monthly allocation of imported edible oils

or to provide more crude oil to the West Bengal Essential Commodities Supplies Corporation for refining.

Supply of Inferior Quality Rice to West Bengal by the Food Corporation of India

1245. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any letter has been received from the Food Minister, Government of West Bengal against the supply of inferior quality rice from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India instead of fair average quality of rice;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The circumstances under which specifications for procurement of rice had to be relaxed in Punjab and Haryana and these stocks are being supplied to the various States, including West Bengal, have already been clarified to the Food Minister as well as to the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal.

(c) Does not arise.

Provident Fund Deposits by Amrit Bazar Patrika Group, Calcutta

1246. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state whether provident fund of the employees of Amrit Bazar Patrika Group, Calcutta has been deposited by the employers for the last three years and the current year, if so, the amount deposited if the answer is in negative what steps are being taken and proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): The requisite information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Civic Amenities for Slums developed on Government Land in Bombay

1247. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some slums had developed on land owned by the Central Government in Bombay / Greater Bombay;

(b) whether the question of providing civic amenities to the people living in those arreas has been studied and whether any schemes have been drawn up in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details of those schemes, and the Central funds allocated for them during the rest of the Current Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Regularisation of Services of Muster Roll Workers

1248. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to regularise the maximum number of Muster Roll Workers and regularise their services on the site on which they are working keeping in view of the problems being faced by the officers on transfer of workers on account of regularisation of Service;